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D. M. MARRS : Editor  
Vinita, Okla. Saturday, June 5

The recent city campaign did some good at least, it indirectly closed the joints.

Now that the state dispensaries are to open the usual number of clerical bar keepers will get jobs—it is presumed.

The expense to Craig county of trying to indict and convict the liquor sellers has been immense. The time of two courts for the entire spring term has been largely taken up with these cases and nothing has come of it. The cases selected for trial went out of court because the efficient county attorney dated the indictments February 30th. The most charitable view to take of the situation is that it was an oversight. At any rate Craig county pays the bill.

### THE TULSA WAY.

Saloon keepers in Muskogee are howling because they have to pay one hundred dollars a month. Here they pay that much and are glad to get it because of the protection. And it can be stated and that with entire truth that the saloon keepers of Tulsa get all they pay for and some trimmings. Muskogee ought to send a committee over here and get some lessons in up to date high moral regulation of the liquor traffic which allows corrupting the police force. Tulsa in this respect has the most unique system in the world.—Tulsa Democrat.

### OKLAHOMA PROPERTY.

No citizen of the new state can afford to hamper the progressive movement which has added millions to the wealth of property in the last twelve months—no man of sound business judgment but recognizes we are enjoying a greater prosperity than has been granted to other states in any degree related by boundary or near boundary. It is not for the average person to declaim how or whence that great measure of prosperity came, but rather to keep rolling on the movement to make a great and rich commonwealth. It is opportunity, broad and easily observed that enables us as a state to enjoy to the fullest measure the blessings given unto a citizenship as a whole.

The added millions to our bank deposits; increased values of our real property and the wonderful increase in farm values, make Oklahoma a commercial Eden—will endure, too, just as long as we are considerate of what has been our misapprehension of success and keep faithfully hold of those elements which create and retain wealth.

All the cities of the state are growing and they are improving accordingly. Great institutions are being prepared for the commercial harvest, mile after mile of paying is being made and the smaller towns and villages find inspiration in the cities of the state in the way of civic improvement and advancement.

Let no one interpose the smallest obstacle in the way of this condition. It means that Oklahoma is to surpass her neighboring state—that we are to lead the van even in this great southwestern country where advancement has long been the watchword.

Oklahoma has startled the world in progressive ways prior to this, and her growth and improvement when hundreds of thousands of skilled and unskilled men in the eastern states were without employment, and even Wall street was sending out walls about business depression and future restoration, teaches the lesson the west and southwest are no more dependent on that branch of the country than upon the consumers of foreign nations.

It needs no commercial giant nor financier of extraordinary ability to foretell the wonderful growth of this state. It requires no old resident nor the aid of any savant to look down the lane toward futurity and see that wonderful appreciation in values must come to almost every town and city of Oklahoma—to also tell that Oklahoma farm lands will quadruple in value and Oklahoma be listed as one of the splendid agricultural states of the Union. It is not boastful nor is it wrong to proclaim to the world that this is the only state in the Union today that, five years hence, will have no piece of real estate property that will not be worth more than it is worth this afternoon.

Back of, and deeper than all the wealth ever yet known in this state is a field as yet but scratched over,

## Commissioner Takes Issue With Kansas Bankers

Guthrie, Okla., June 5.—In view of the unfriendly criticisms and comment in regard to the address of Bank Commissioner Dolley delivered at the convention of the Kansas Bankers' association in Wichita, Kans., May 26, 1909, A. M. Young, bank commissioner was asked for an expression in regard to that part of his address which says "the objection to the Oklahoma statute is that it is practically an unlimited tax law. It pledges the entire assets of every bank to guarantee every other bank in the state, it encourages speculation, the starting of unnecessary banks by speculators and irresponsible people, the payment of unsafe and ruinous rates of interest to secure deposits and I believe for these reasons their guaranty fund will prove to be insufficient and improperly guarded and their system will bring disaster." The Kansas Bank Depositors Guaranty Law has carefully obviated all these objections.

Regarding the above Commissioner Young expressed great surprise especially that every statement made was absolutely foreign to the truth. Under our law the assessments are limited to one-fifth of 1 per cent with a limit in any one year to 2 per cent, hence the charge that it is an unlimited tax law is false. Again he says that it pledged the entire assets of every bank to guarantee every other bank in the state. There isn't one single thing in our guaranty law that justifies such an assertion on the part of Mr. Dolley.

He further states that it encourages speculation, the starting of unnecessary banks by speculators and irresponsible people, the payment of unsafe and ruinous rates of interest to secure deposits. It is a well known fact that no man or set of men are permitted to organize and operate a bank in this state unless they put at the head of it men who have suc-

cessful banking experience. As to the starting of unnecessary banks it is only necessary to say that in every instance the commissioner has refused to approve charters unless thoroughly convinced there was room for a bank. Since January 1, 1909, something like 30 applications have been refused, a record that even the controller of the currency has never equalled.

Referring to that part of his address in regard to the paying of unsafe and ruinous rates of interest by Oklahoma state banks it will be recalled that the national banks of the state have been paying a very much higher rate of interest than the state banks which necessitated a general letter by the bank commissioner to the national banks of the state notifying them that they could not be permitted to act as reserve agents for Oklahoma state banks where they were paying a great rate of interest than state banks were permitted to pay. Under the ruling of this department state banks are not permitted to pay interest on checking accounts or on certificates of deposit where left for less than 90 days, 3 per cent if left 90 days and 4 per cent if left six months and longer.

Much of the new guaranty law of Kansas was copied verbatim from the Oklahoma law and in the opinion of Mr. Young as well as eminent financiers, who have made a study of the subject, the weakness of the Kansas law lies in the fact that they did not incorporate all of the Oklahoma law. It is absolutely astounding that Mr. Dolley, the new bank commissioner of Kansas, would attack our guaranty law, much less make statements that are not only misleading but entirely false and it can only be accounted for in either his ignorance of our guaranty law or a desire to discredit it, neither of which our law makers are responsible.

These figures are taken from the crop reports of the United States department of agriculture which are being compiled here by an officer of the government. The report also shows that out of 786 farms in Choctaw county 527 are cultivated by renters, while only 259 are farmed by the owners. The total acreage of Choctaw county is 99,765 of which 36,935 are in cultivation.

There has been no man wronged who holds a title to Oklahoma real property. Perhaps in the exuberance of spirit and because some one not wholly honest may have raised the price, he paid too much at the beginning, yet he, after all is said, was the wise man, for there can be no retrogression, and wherever one holds property never going backward it must go forward.

It is the state where all classes and all men can have a fair deal; where people stand out on the firing line and ask only for those who can and will accomplish something for the betterment of self, and bettering of self means advancement to those who are locating accordingly, all united making a grand and all powerful pull for that which is best and surest for all.

With a state increasing its wealth by millions each 365 days; with a healthful and happy location to bring out the best there is in mankind, and allowing the broadest and truest form of liberty, who in the name of reason, or why in the name of sober judgment should there be a discordant note in the music that is to set this as the foremost state west of the Missouri river.

We want the progressive man and his family. There is no place here for the drone or the person who wishes to relate the story of his ancestors' achievements. That belongs with the past.—Guthrie Leader.

### BACONE UNIVERSITY CASE GOES TO SUPREME COURT

Guthrie, Okla., June 5.—Involving the title to part of the property now occupied by Bacone Indian university, near Muskogee, the case of Quentin Garrett vs. American Baptist Home Missionary Society, the Dawes commission et al, was appealed to the supreme court yesterday from the district court of Muskogee county. The missionary society, which owns the Bacone property, asked the Dawes commission to set aside 157.12 acres, claimed as the grounds of the college, from allotment. The commission allowed it only 77.12 acres, allotting 40 acres to Mullan Sanders.

When the case was tried in Muskogee county Judge King decided in favor of the missionary society and ordered the Dawes commission to cancel the Garrett and Sanders allotments. From that decision Garrett appeals.

CHOCTAW COUNTY'S WHEAT WAS WORTH ONLY \$25.

Guthrie, Okla., June 5.—Choctaw county is not doing much to keep down the price of wheat as that county raised only four acres of wheat last year valued at \$25. The county, however, is a big producer of cotton, raising last year 2,460 bales, valued at

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	\$170,488.32	
	November 27, 1908	Call statement
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